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To all Units, Office Bearers, CC & GC Members

Dear Comrade

## **Office Bearers Meeting**

Our Office Bearers met in Chennai on 17.12.2017. The meeting was presided over by Com. C. J. Nandakumar, our President.

The Office Bearers took stock of the latest position on the offensives being perpetrated by the present regime at the Centre, latest manifestation of which has been the presentation of Financial Resolution and Deposit Insurance Bill (FRDI) 2017 in the Parliament. The bill is now under consideration of the Joint Parliamentary Committee and the Committee's request seeking time for submission of the report by last day of the ensuing Budget Session of the Parliament has been approved in the ongoing Session of Lok Sabha.

The bill, if passed, will have disastrous effect on the basic structure of public sector banking of our country and will pose serious threat to the safety and security of people's hard earned savings kept as deposit, major portion of which is under the custody of public sector banks (PSBs).

The Office Bearers while discussing on **campaign against privatisation and merger of PSBs**, decided that all our state units have to take the initiative for holding state level meeting of UFBU, if not held already, and move for collecting signatures of all sections of bank employees as also from common people on the format prepared by UFBU (already sent to units). While organising signature campaign among the common people, state units should chalk out plan to hold street camps during the first fortnight of January next which should culminate in state level central programme in all **state capitals** by holding **day long Dharna on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018**.

The Office Bearers took note of the reactions and agony expressed by common depositors over the safety of their hard earned savings kept in the banks. In order to ward off such sense of anxiety among the common depositors the Office Bearers decided that we have to be **on the streets** to reach all sections of the depositors and other clientele of banks and to propagate amongst them the role played by the united movement of bank employees in defense of PSBs under the banner of UFBU and to seek their support to strengthen bank employees movement and raise voice against FRDI Bill that will ensure the safety of their bank deposits.

Comrades, Lok Sabha has allowed extension of time for the Joint Parliamentary Committee to submit its report and during this period we have to mount our pressure by

unleashing wide range of campaign through collection of signatures in a massive way so that the move of the Government to pass the pernicious FRDI Bill can be defeated.

On **Naresh Paul Birth Centenary Celebration**, the meeting decided that all state Federations and bank-wise affiliates have to complete all their programmes in celebration of Com. Naresh Paul Birth Centenary within March 2018.

Office Bearers decided that next **Trade Union Workshop** for Southern and Western States covering Kerala, Tamilnadu, Karnataka, Andhra, Telengana, Maharashtra and Gujarat will be held in **Bengaluru on 10-11<sup>th</sup> February 2017**.

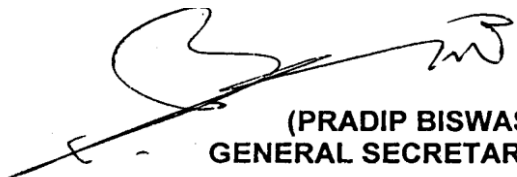
Workshop for Hindi speaking states will be held in Patna, Bihar in the month of **March 2018**. Exact time schedule will be communicated later in consultation with our concerned host units.

The meeting was apprised of encouraging experience of the first such workshop held in Kolkata in the month of August this year for Eastern India States as informed earlier, this workshop are being organised as part of our central programme commemorating the Birth Centenary of Com. Naresh Paul and exclusively for the new entrants in the industry during last one decade.

The meeting requested all state Federations/bank-wise Units to immediately clear their dues for **BEFI-News**.

With greetings,

Yours comradely,



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GENERAL SECRETARY